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FOR AMBASSADOR MARTIN FROM MARSHALL WRIGHT

SUBJECT; AID CONFERENCE DECISIONS IMPACTING UPON  
SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN SOUTH VIETNAM

1. THE CONFERENCE ON THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BILL IS OVER. UNTIL THE REPORT IS PRINTED THE RESULTS ARE, OF COURSE, SUPPOSED TO BE KNOWN ONLY TO THE COMMITTEES. I THOUGHT, HOWEVER, YOU WOULD WANT TO KNOW ASAP THOSE DECISIONS IMPACTING UPON SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. YOU SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT FULBRIGHT, CHURCH, AND WAYNE HAYS HAVE STATED THEY WILL REFUSE TO SIGN THE CONFERENCE REPORT. IN SHORT, WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE A MAJOR FLOOR FIGHT ON PASSAGE.

2. LEVELS OF ASSISTANCE. MAP - \$512.5 MILLION (SENATE PROPOSED \$270 MILLION, HOUSE PROPOSED \$574 MILLION). COUNTRY LINE ITEMS AS PROPOSED BY SENATE WERE ELIMINATED INCLUDING LINE ITEM OF \$150 MILLION FOR CAMBODIA WHICH IS NOW INCLUDED IN THE \$512.5 MILLION FIGURE (EXCLUDES SUPPLEMENTAL, SEE FOLLOWING).

3. SECTION 506 DRAWDOWN AUTHORITY - AUTHORIZATION LEVEL \$250 MILLION. CONFERENCE REPORT WILL STATE THAT OF  
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THIS AMOUNT UP TO \$200 MILLION MAY BE USED FOR INCREASED ASSISTANCE TO CAMBODIA AND BALANCE OF \$50 MILLION FOR OTHER EMERGENCIES.

4. FMS - \$325 MILLION (SENATE PROPOSED \$200 MILLION, HOUSE PROPOSED \$450 MILLION).

5. POSTWAR INDOCHINA RECONSTRUCTION (SOUTH VIETNAM, CAMBODIA AND LAOS) - \$504 MILLION (SENATE PROPOSED \$376 MILLION, HOUSE PROPOSED \$635 MILLION). NO FUNDS UNDER THIS ACT MAY BE USED TO SUPPORT POLICE OR PRISON CONSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION WITHIN SOUTH VIETNAM.

6. THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS. TIGHTER CONTROLS ON THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS OF EQUIPMENT PROVIDED UNDER THIS ACT OR USE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN THOSE ORIGINALLY AGREED UPON.

7. MASF TO MAP. ONLY LAOS WAS INCLUDED IN THE PROVISION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF MASF TO MAP AFTER JUNE 30, 1974. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE IS NO REPEAT NO TERMINAL DATE IN THE BILL FOR MASF TO SOUTH VIETNAM.

8. TERMINATION OF INDOCHINA WAR. BILL WILL CONTAIN PROVISION THAT NO FUNDS PROVIDED "UNDER THIS OR ANY OTHER LAW MAY BE EXPENDED TO FINANCE MILITARY OR PARAMILITARY OPERATIONS BY THE UNITED STATES IN OR OVER VIETNAM, LAOS, OR CAMBODIA."

9. PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO NORTH VIETNAM. THE BILL ALSO CONTAINS A PROVISION AGAINST ASSISTANCE TO NORTH VIETNAM UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY AN ACT OF CONGRESS.

10. THIRD COUNTRY MILITARY OPERATIONS IN LAOS, CAMBODIA, NORTH VIETNAM, SOUTH VIETNAM OR THAILAND. BILL PROHIBITS USE OF FUNDS PROVIDED IN "ANY PROVISION OF LAW" FOR MILITARY, PARAMILITARY OR COMBAT OPERATIONS IN ABOVE COUNTRIES EXCEPT BY GOVERNMENT RECEIVING SUCH

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FUNDS WITHIN ITS OWN BORDERS. CONFEREES DID NOT INTEND PROHIBIT USE OF FUNDS FOR INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS.  
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